Education (EGS&AIE) was started with effect from 1/4/2001. The amount sanctioned in 2001-2002 and the number of EGS centres proposed in each State are given in the statement below:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of EGS/AIE centres	Total amount released in 2001-2002
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11011	992.03
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	2510	169.72
3.	Karnataka	1552	151.70
4.	Madhya Pradesh	20378	3083.48
5.	Maharashtra	3480	291.72
6.	Orissa	9673	1229.88
7.	Punjab	10586	100.00
8.	Uttar Pradesh	2179	79.00
9.	Uttaranchal	708	45.43
	TOTAL:	62077	6142.96

A complete proposal from the government of Bihar is awaited.

Computer education

†1846. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the computer education has not developed so far adequately in Government schools and colleges;

(b) if so, what is the status of computer education at present;

(c) whether Government have formulated the draft of any concrete plan for overall development of computer education;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have issued any special guidelines to States in the area of computer education; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (f)

Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) was initially launched as a Pilot Project in the year 1984-85. The project was subsequently modified to make it a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. With the increasing thrusts on Information Technology (IT) in education, many State Governments have launched their own Computer Education Initiatives in schools. The Department of Secondary and Higher Education has launched the revised CLASS scheme during 2001-2002. As per the norms of the revised CLASS scheme, grant-in-aid is provided to State Govts./UTs on the basis of Computer Education Plan (CEP) submitted by them. The CEP indicates the steps already taken by the State/UTs and the assistance, which they now require. The CEPs are examined by the Project Monitoring & Evaluation Group (PM & EG) headed by Education Secy. and funds are allocated to the States/UTs on recommendations of PM & EG. Grant-in-aid is provided to only Govt. and Govt. aided schools. Union Govt. provides 75% of the total sanctioned amount, subject to a maximum limit of Rs. 5.00 lakhs per school. The balance 25% is borne by the State Govt./UTs. The scheme also provides 25% of funds from MPLADS in addition or as an alternative to State Govt. contribution. Besides, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) would convert one school per State/UT into a SMART school. A grant of not more than Rs. 25 lakhs would be given per SMART school. KVS and NVS would be given funds at the rate of Rs. 15,000/- per neighbourhood school to impart computer literacy to not more than ten neighbourhood schools to cover 10,000 such schools over 3 years. A Statement showing amount sanctioned and released during 2001-2002 is inclosed (*See* below).

The University Grants Commission has been assisting colleges for procuring Personal Computers since 1987. The objective of the scheme is to create awareness among staff and students about use of the computer in various activities like administration, finance, examination and research. Generally, the colleges which are not having computer facility are given priority. The UGC has also provided financial assistance to the colleges, which have already been assisted upto 1994-95 to upgrade the existing facility or to procure latest version of the computer (2nd time grant). Under these schemes the UGC has provided financial assistance to 3919 colleges on account of first time grant and 650 colleges have been covered under second time grant so far.

Statement

The amount sanctioned and released under CLASS Scheme during 2001-2002.

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Amount sanctioned as 75% Union Govt.'s Share (Rs. in Lakhs)	Amount being released as 1st Installment (Rs. in lakhs) 50%	No of Schools
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Maharashtra	900.00	450.00	180
2.	Tripura	250.00	125.00	50
3.	Chhattisgarh	500.00	250.00	100
4.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	70.00	35.00	14
5.	Haryana	500.00	250.00	100
6.	West Bengal	1114.7625	557.38125	300
7.	Punjab	997.50	498.75	200
8.	Andhra Pradesh	1401.1875	700.59375	500
9.	Tamil Nadu	1000.00	500.00	200
10.	Manipur	250.00	125.00	50
11.	Goa	250.00	125.00	50
12.	Uttar Pradesh	1500.00	750.00	300
13.	Himachal Pradesh	500.00	250.00	100
14.	Mizoram	200.00	100.00	40
15.	Sikkim	145.00	72.5	29
16.	Madhya Pradesh	1950.00	975.00	390
17.	Gujarat	1500.00	750.00	300
18.	Meghalaya	295.00	147.5	59
19.	Karnataka	750.00	360.475	150
20.	NVS	1425.00	163.30260	—
21.	KVS	1775.00	200.00	—
	TOTAL	17273.45	7385.50260	3112